

Arlington Public Art
Committee Meeting Minutes: March 19, 2015

In attendance: Adria Arch, Lorri Berenberg, Sherry Greene, Jane Howard, Jill Manca, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Nilou Moochhala, Debbie Page, Martina Tanga

The meeting began with a review and approval of the minutes from the 01/22/15.

Review of APA Retreat: The APA retreat was held at the Robbins Library on February 14, 2015. Sarah Hutt was the featured speaker. The retreat was attended by a respectable number of people. Sara's presentation sparked a lively discussion.

Stephanie suggested that we create an informal inventory of possible public art spaces in Arlington. Each APA member is asked to identify 3-5 spaces.

Jane suggests that we try to interact with the Economic Development Committee.

Youth Initiative:

Martina developed a preliminary budget for the project totalling \$8,050.

The project will be inclusive of children grades 6 – 12, including those home schooled of equivalent grades. The project will need permission for the Board of Selectmen to use the poles. It will be on the agenda of the March 30th meeting. All invited to attend.

Public Art Consultant:

Warrant article has been put forth

Art Rocks Spy Pond:

Artwork has been chosen. Jane and Nilou had met with the Parks Dept and reviewed their concerns, which primarily focused on stabilizing the artworks and placement of 3 particular pieces (Tunnel Vision, The Original Spy Ponder, and Printings Past.) There was also some concern expressed about the meshing securing Grass Extension. These issues will be addressed and resolved with the artists prior to installation.

Installation will be the week of May 3rd. Opening reception will be held May 9th. We will try to get music for the reception.

There will be a modest catalogue for the exhibition

May 30th is Spy Pond Fun Day from 1 – 4 pm, sponsored by Friends of Spy Pond Park, Vision 2020 Spy Pond Committee, and Arlington Recreation. This will coincide with the closing of Art Rocks Spy Pond.

Transformer Boxes:

Jill shared the sketch for the transformer box in front of the high school done by students at AHS. It was met with enthusiasm.

We have received 10 new entries for 5 transformer boxes (6, if we use one on Park Ave.)

Final choices will be made within the next week.

Chairful Where You Sit 2015:

Dates: Friday, July 10 – Sunday, July 12. Will coincide with Arlington Alive and Shakespeare in the Park

New Business:

Nilou announced that there will be an Arlington Author's Salon on Wed., April 1st at the Kickstand Café from 7-9 pm. This event is sponsored by ?? and Grub Street. The Salon will be held every two months.

Meeting adjourned.